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Session 1: Word List

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym : embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book
I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

hedgehog

n. a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior

synonym : porcupine, spine-fellow

(1) wild **hedgehog**, (2) **hedgehog** habitat

The **hedgehog's** spines provide an effective defense mechanism against predators.

prickle

v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal

synonym: stab, poke, jab

(1) **prickle** cell layer, (2) **prickle** with excitement

The thorns on the cactus can **prickle** your skin if you touch them.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pain in the ge____l area
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
2. pr____e with excitement
v. to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal
3. a computer n__d
n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
4. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
5. pri_____ze tasks
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
6. pri_____ze people over cars
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
7. adv_____us pioneers
adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
8. he____og habitat
n. a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior

ANSWERS: 1. genital, 2. prickle, 3. nerd, 4. overwhelm, 5. prioritize, 6. prioritize, 7. adventurous, 8. hedgehog

9. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
10. cu___e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
11. wild he____og *n.* a small, spiny mammal that rolls itself into a ball for protection when threatened; a person who is solitary, introverted, and lacks social skills, often displaying sharp or prickly behavior
12. de____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
13. lead an adv____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
14. cu___e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
15. ge____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
16. the wel____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
17. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
18. ov____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
19. de____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 9. dread, 10. cuddle, 11. hedgehog, 12. deprive, 13. adventurous, 14. cuddle, 15. genital, 16. well-being, 17. nerd, 18. overwhelm, 19. deprive

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| 20. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 21. fo___d the use of chemical weapons | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 22. pr_____e cell layer | <i>v.</i> to cause a tingling or stinging sensation, often from a sharp or pointed object; to provoke or irritate someone, causing them to feel uncomfortable or annoyed; (noun) a small, pointed, and often sharp spine or thorn that grows on a plant or animal |
| 23. fo___d smoking in public areas | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 24. dr__d getting old | <i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen |

ANSWERS: 20. well-being, 21. forbid, 22. prickle, 23. forbid, 24. dread

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
2. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
3. The _____ spines provide an effective defense mechanism against predators.
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4. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
5. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.
v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
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adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
7. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. nerd, 3. hedgehog's, 4. cuddle, 5. dread, 6. adventurous, 7. forbid

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v. to take away something from someone

12. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

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ANSWERS: 8. genital, 9. prioritized, 10. prickle, 11. deprived, 12. overwhelm